

### Claims

1. A chemically bonded biomaterial element composed of an inorganic cement, exhibiting minimal dimensional changes upon hardening and long-time use, improved mechanical properties and improved translucency  
 5 characterised in an algorithm to describe the micro-structure, which is expressed as

$$\lambda = \frac{d * (1 - V_F)}{(V_F)}$$

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where  $\lambda$  is the distance between filler particles of mean size  $d$ , and  $V_F$  is the volume content of non-reacted cement and added filler, and where  $\lambda = 10 \mu\text{m}$ .

2. A biomaterial element according to claim 1, characterised in that  $\lambda = 8 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 15 even more preferred  $\lambda = 4 \mu\text{m}$  and most preferred  $\lambda = 2 \mu\text{m}$ .

3. A biomaterial element according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that  $V_F$  is less than 50 %, preferably 5-45 % and even more preferred 15-35 %.

- 20 4. A biomaterial element according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that it exerts a pressure or tensile force of  $< 5 \text{ MPa}$ , even more preferred  $< 2 \text{ MPa}$  and even more preferred  $< 1 \text{ MPa}$ , on a surrounding volume.

5. A biomaterial element according to any one of the preceding claims,  
 25 characterised in that the inorganic phase is composed of Ca-aluminate and/or Ca-silicate and/or Ca-phosphate.

6. A biomaterial element according to any one of the preceding claims,  
 characterised in that the inorganic phase is composed of phases in the  $\text{CaO-Al}_2\text{O}_3$   
 30 system, i.e.  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $(\text{CaO})_3\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $(\text{CaO})_{12}(\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)_7$ ,  $\text{CaOAl}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $(\text{CaO})(\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)_2$ ,  $(\text{CaO})(\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)_6$  and/or pure  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  with varying relative contents, where the preferred main phases are  $\text{CaOAl}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $(\text{CaO})(\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)_2$  and the most preferred main phase is  $\text{CaOAl}_2\text{O}_3$ , a particle size of formed hydrates of these phases being below  $3 \mu\text{m}$ , even more preferred below  $1 \mu\text{m}$  and most preferred below  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$ .

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7. A biomaterial element according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that it also comprises an organic phase of preferably polyacrylates and/or polycarbonates and preferably at a volume content of < 5 %.
- 5 8. A biomaterial element according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that added inert filler particles have a particle size below 5 µm, even more preferred below 2 µm.
9. A biomaterial element according to claim 8, characterised in that added filler  
10 particles consist of glass particles, apatites, brucite and/or böhmite.
10. A biomaterial element according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that it comprises in-situ formed apatite or some other phase that separates the formed hydrates of the main system.  
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11. A biomaterial element according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that a total porosity is below 10 %, even more preferred below 5 %, distributed on minipores having a diameter below 0.5 µm, even more preferred below 0.1 µm, to an extent of at least 90 % of the total porosity.  
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12. A biomaterial element according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that it is a dental material, preferably a dental filling material or a root filling material.
- 25 13. A biomaterial element according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that it is an orthopaedic material or a bone cement.
14. A biomaterial element according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that it is a component or is in granule form, preferably as a  
30 carrier material for drug delivery.
15. A device in connection with the preparation of a chemically bonded biomaterial element according to any one of the preceding claims, from a powdered material comprising a binder phase and a liquid reacting with the binder phase,  
35 characterised in that said device comprises a first container (5) that contains the powdered material, and a second container (3) that contains said liquid reacting with the binder phase, and an openable closure (3) between the containers (5, 3).